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(54) **Electronic device with trackball user input**

(57) A portable radio telephone comprising a housing, a transceiver located in the housing, a controller connected to the transceiver, a display connected to the controller, and a user input device connected to the controller. The user input device comprises a trackball movably connected to the housing and at least one trackball

rotational position sensor connected to the controller for sensing rotational movement of the trackball. The sensor includes a roller which rides against an exterior surface of the trackball. The user input device is configured to provide biased stepwise movements of the roller as the trackball is rotated by a user.

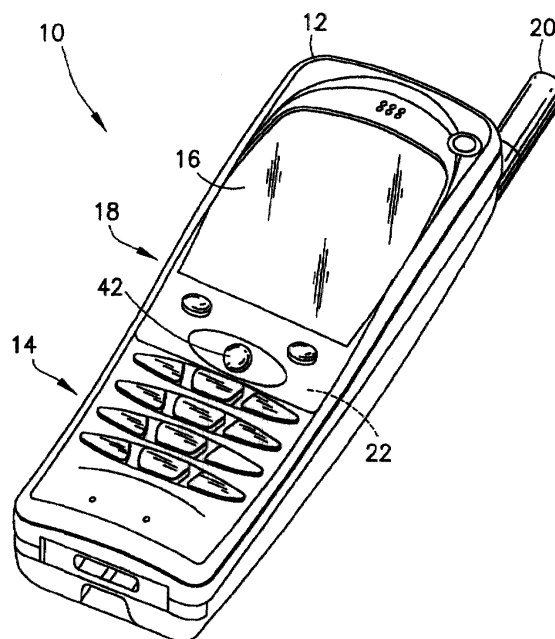


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trackball with tactile feedback using two orthogonal rollers
2. Claims: 4, 14, 25
trackball with polygonal rollers
3. Claims: 5-7, 15-17, 23
trackball with polygonal sphere
4. Claims: 8, 18, 24
trackball with movably biased rollers
5. Claims: 10, 20, 21
trackball with depression sensor



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